

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 3. These sheets, which include Figures 1 and 3, replace the original sheets including Figures 1 and 3. In Figure 1, the personal computers have been relabeled as terminal devices 1a-1d, as referred to in the Specification. In Figure 3, the term "winner" has been replaced with the term "user" in Part D.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 5-7 are pending in the present application, with claim 5 being the sole independent claim. Claims 1-4 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 5-7 have been added. Further, the Specification and drawings have been editorially amended to correct minor informalities.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

The Office Action on pages 2-6, in section 2, rejects claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,203,433 to Kume. Claims 1-4 have been canceled, thus rendering this rejection moot with respect to claims 1-4. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

New claims 5-7 recite "means for determining the suitability of the e-mail upon completion of creating the e-mail." Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5-7 are allowable over Kume because Kume does not teach or suggest the recited "means for determining the suitability of the e-mail upon completion of creating the e-mail."

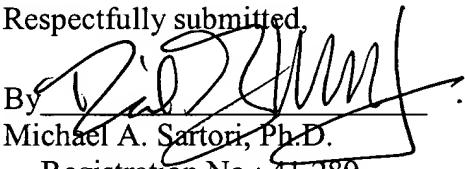
CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Dated: February 4, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

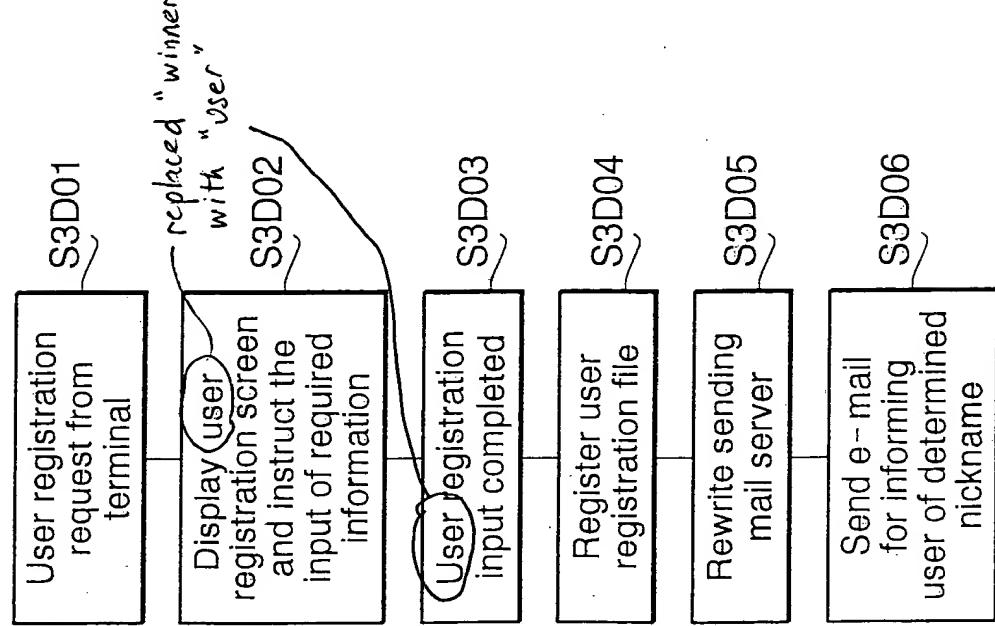
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E. MAILER DOWNLOAD PORTION

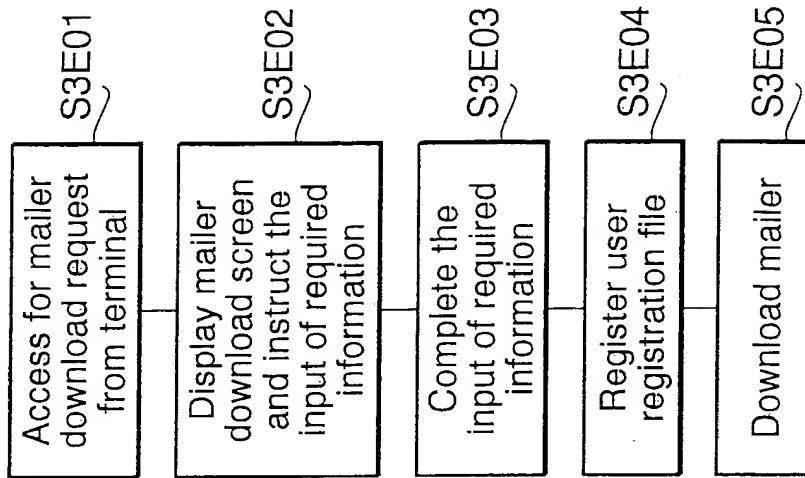


FIG. 3

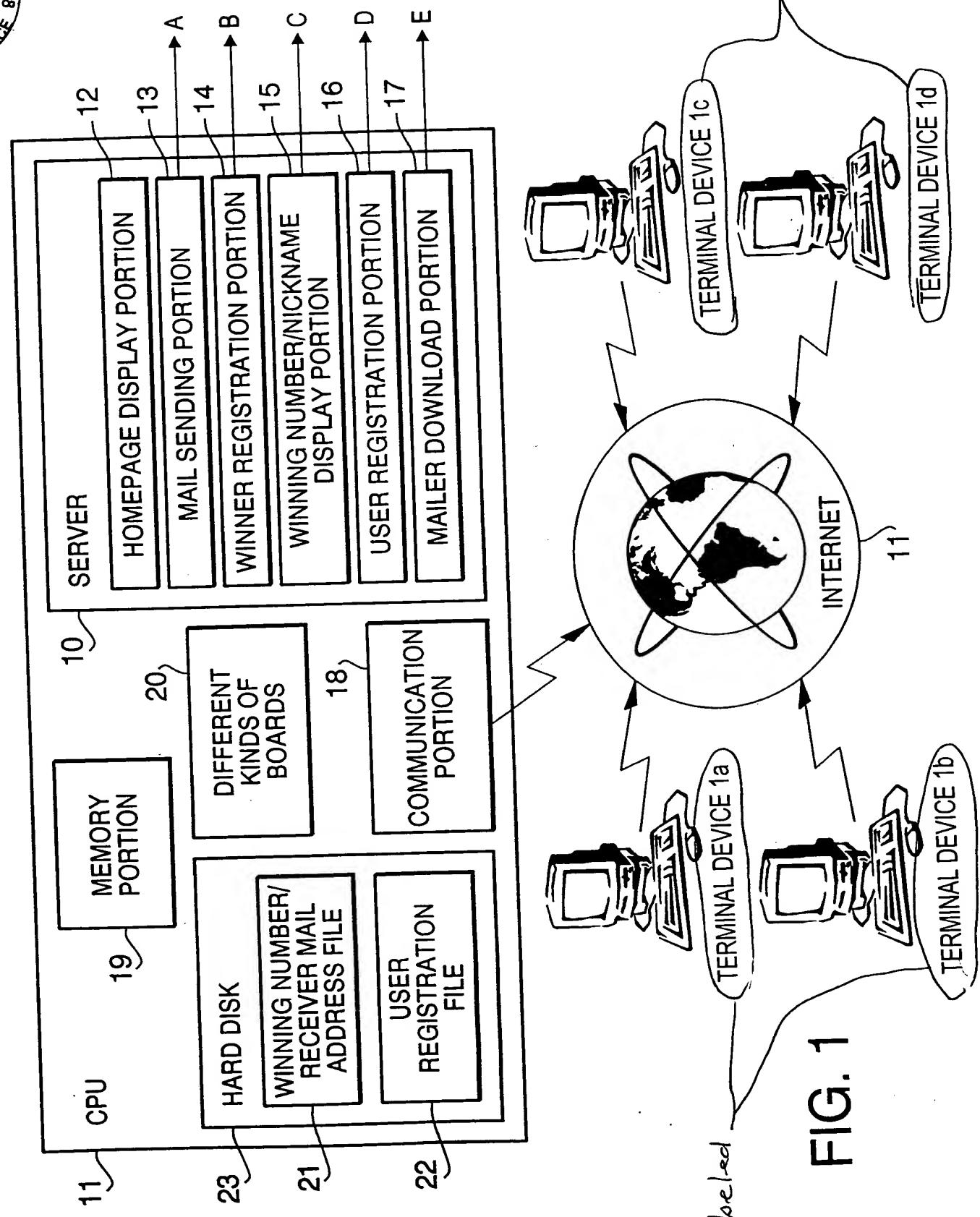


FIG. 1